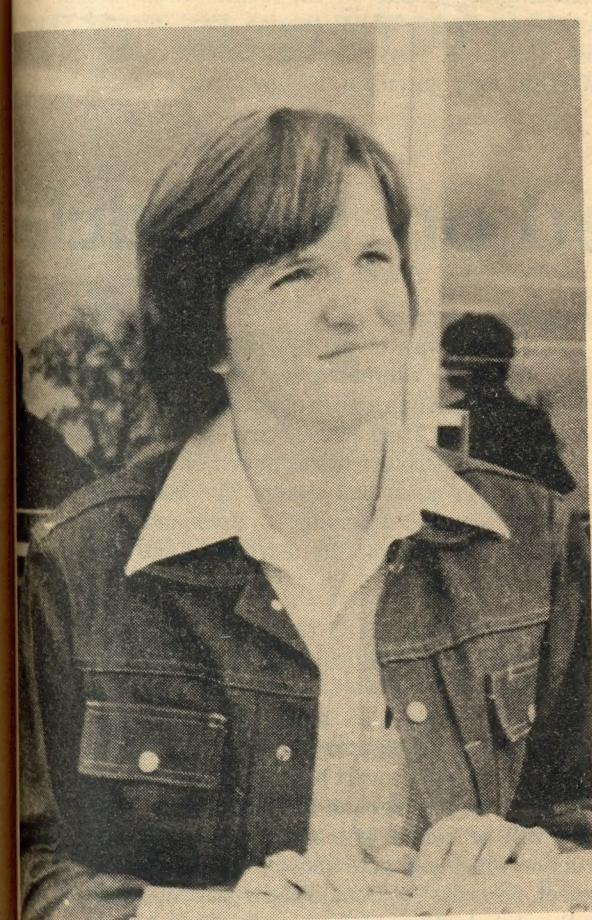




Former 'Chart' editor:

Tony Feather finally gets his own newspaper



TONY FEATHER

By BOB JOHNSON

When Tony Feather was 11 years old he and another anonymous young friend decided to start a newspaper. This newspaper wasn't one to be printed on huge presses or even on a little one. It was to be hand-typed, edited by a precocious pair of fifth-graders. The "newspaper," however, succumbed to the inimitable shortwindedness and argumentability produced by two youngsters of such tender ages. Needless to say, it wouldn't have been a very good newspaper even had it circulated just one time. Perhaps the community of Sarcoxie was somewhat fortunate to have been spared those naive literary efforts.

Now some eight years after that abbreviated attempt at journalism which was hopefully named the The Sarcoxie Sun, Tony Feather is editor of a real newspaper. That newspaper is the home-owned and home-operated, Sarcoxie Record, which has served as the hometown paper for Sarcoxians for many years.

Feather and two Sarcoxie businessmen, Larry Taylor and Kaare (Cory) Gjeruldsen form the Sarcoxie Record, Inc. Taylor helps operate the Taylor Ford Sales in Sarcoxie and Gjeruldsen is a partner in Varsity Trophy Mart in Joplin, 7-K and Action Products in Sarcoxie. These three appropriated funds in order to either buy the existing newspaper in Sarcoxie or put a new paper on the Sarcoxie newsstands in competition with the town weekly.

NEGOTIATIONS WERE HELD with the Neosho Daily News who owned the Record at that time. Purchase agreements were reached and the first edition of The Sarcoxie Record by the new owners was published on January 8, 1975.

The move to purchase the paper started as mere talk among the three owners, but the talk snowballed into a plausible scheme as they kicked the idea around. The thought of owning their own paper became more and more attractive to them as they got reactions from towns people who were becoming disenchanted with the form the Record had been taking.

Since the main bulk of putting a newspaper together would rest almost completely on the shoulders of Tony, he began trying to find another person with some newspaper knowledge to become a member of the Record staff.

This search brought him to look on The Chart staff where Feather had worked as sports editor in Spring, 1974, and as an associate editor for the Fall, 1974, semester writing stories of a political nature, a direct result of working in the summer internship program in Washington, D.C. this past summer for Seventh District Congressman Gene Taylor.

FEATHER OFFERED THE JOB to last semester Chart business manager, Tim Dry. While the purchase of the Sarcoxie Record was still in the vocal stage Tony was trying to convince Tim that this was a good opportunity for him to try out the skills that he had acquired in his experience with the Chart. Dry's training had come as an assistant editor with the Chart and in his first semester at MSSC in a newswriting class in which Feather was enrolled; also, Tim had some high school practical knowledge at Joplin Parkwood from a Journalism I class in his senior year. Those who are faithful readers of The Chart probably have read stories which bear the bylines of either Feather or Dry. Possibly owing to the persuasiveness and persistence of Tony, Tim is now a hard-working employee of the Sarcoxie Record operating as production manager.

Working on the Sarcoxie Record is not new to Feather though; he wrote sports stories for them while in high school and worked for Harry and Jackie Ward during two summers as a "Printer's Devil." The Wards owned the newspaper prior to selling it to the Neosho Daily News a few years back. Tony even got involved in a little controversy while in high school for a searing article written for The Record about the disappointments of a football game and a season. Tony had served as student manager

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Oronogo Circle mine sold

FEASIBILITY OF SUCH a venture was suggested in an editorial in The Chart two years ago.

Purchasers of the property are Mr. and Mrs. John B. Burwell of Kansas City who have Divers' Equipment Repair Service, Inc., in Kansas City.

Mrs. Burwell says plans are being made to develop the body of water, created from fill of the mining and mine cave-in operations, as a recreation area for scuba divers and that they are in process of incorporating the proposed venture as Oronogo Underwater Park.

PLANS CALL FOR developing security on the property, including fencing. Bathhouses would be developed along with facilities for campers and recreation vehicles.

The lake reportedly covers about 20 acres with depths to 190 feet.

Mrs. Burwell said she and her husband knew of only one other specialized park for scuba divers and that one is in Florida.

Missouri Southern State College has set another enrollment record.

Enrollment for the current semester was 3,115 at official close of registration, up from the record second semester enrollment figure of 3,004 set in 1971.

One year ago, the second semester enrollment at MSSC was 2,824 — representing a gain this year of just over 10 per cent.

Plans for day care center tabled

Plans for a Day Care Center to accommodate children of students and faculty at MSSC have been tabled for the present. After consideration at length, a discussion of the Board of Trustees concluded that at this time such a center is not feasible.

MSSC Board of Trustees is interested in the future development of an early childhood program, according to Dr. Robert C. Wiley, associate professor of education. However, possibilities of location for a center now are not adequate. It was the feeling of the Board that it would be best to wait to install the program when proper facilities

can be provided, he said.

Discussion of a center included mention of all the construction programs currently under way on campus. Conclusion was drawn that MSSC is doing all the construction which can financially be afforded at the present, Dr. Wiley reported.

Surveys conducted had shown an ample amount of interest in having a center, he said. Although the idea has been temporarily dropped, the Board will continue to be receptive to it and keep plans along the line in hold for the future, Dr. Wiley says.

A re-enactment of the trial of Susan B. Anthony, who was arrested in 1870 for trying to vote, will be held at the First Community Church in Joplin on Saturday, February 15. The program is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. and tickets will be \$2.00. The Association of Women Students will be presenting the re-enactment. Money from the ticket sales will go towards passing of the Equal Rights Amendment in Missouri and is in conjunction with the Equal Rights Coalition.

Susan B. Anthony was arrested while trying to vote in a public election soon after the passage of the 15th amendment granting all citizens, black and white, the right to vote but apparently excluding women.

A member of the Joplin Coalition for Equal Rights says: "The Equal Rights Amendment is a modern day attempt to bring women into full citizenship. It seems especially appropriate, as we approach the 200th birthday of this great democratic nation, to extend without question, constitutional privileges to all citizens."

Persons interested in additional information concerning the February 15 program should contact Ms. Judith Grant, sociology department, third floor of Hearnes Hall.

Action expected this week:

Coordinating board to act on ROTC

Proposals to initiate an ROTC program at Missouri Southern State College have been filed with the Missouri Coordinating Board of Higher Education and action taken should appear in minutes of that body this week. With the publication of the minutes Dean Floyd Belk anticipates making an announcement concerning ROTC at MSSC within a week.

The plan was submitted to the Board in November. Some 90 days lapse between presentation of a proposal and notification of the Board's action. The plan calls for establishment of a branch unit of the ROTC program at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield.

CONSIDERATION OF AN ROTC program at Southern began several years ago and had lain dormant until a recommendation by the Robert S. Thurman Post No. 13 of the American Legion was received last April. The Board of Regents for Missouri Southern then asked Dean Belk to survey faculty support of the program. Finding a positive reaction, extensive applications were sent to Army and Navy ROTC offices in June of last year.

At a Faculty Senate meeting in November, the ROTC proposal was approved by a vote of 14-8. On November 7, the Student Senate passed a resolution expressing disapproval of ROTC on campus by a 23-5 vote.

Those persons on campus who have stated support of ROTC have said:

1. THAT ALL STUDENTS should have the option to take ROTC.
2. That at present, area ROTC scholarship students have to go elsewhere to school.
3. That the value of these scholarships for each student amounts to approximately \$1,600 per year.
4. That ROTC would generate more credit hours.

5. That ROTC would not cost the college much money.
6. That ROTC would not be mandatory.

THE STUDENT SENATE, in expressing its opposition to the proposed unit, said:

1. That there has been no student poll conducted measuring interest in ROTC.
2. That there may be significant student sentiment against ROTC.
3. That the misplacement of priorities in a school in an early stage of academic development is resulting.

4. That ROTC may take credit hours away from other departments.

5. That training people for warfare is not necessarily a good thing.

6. That ROTC may discriminate against women in granting of scholarships.

College administrators point out that there are several high schools in the Joplin area with ROTC programs. Parkwood, Memorial, Carl Junction, Webb City, Carthage, Neosho, and McDonald County all have ROTC in their curricula, administrators report.

New construction:

Projects proceed on schedule

Two major construction projects currently underway on the Missouri Southern campus are proceeding on schedule, according to Dr. Paul Shipman, vice president for business affairs at the college.

THE NEW AUDITORIUM is about 40 per cent complete, Shipman reports, saying it should be completed in April, 1976. Cost of the complex on completion will reach 2.9 million dollars. The auditorium will seat more than 2,000.

Built into the complex will be classrooms, storage areas, a workshop, and a large lobby area. The project is currently slightly ahead of schedule and should progress well allowing for good weather, Dr. Shipman says. DeCarlo Construction Co. is the firm employed for the actual construction while Frank McArthur is the designer of the building along with several existing buildings he

designed on campus.

Also underway is the new stadium which will be completed at an estimated cost of \$950,000. Phase one, groundwork, grading, and drainage construction is nearly complete. Phase 2 and Phase 3 are the erection of stands and laying of astroturf respectively. Bids will come out for phase 2 in about one month. The stadium will seat from 7-10 thousand depending on funds available at that future date. Funds for the astroturf have reached the \$80,000 mark.

DR. SHIPMAN SAYS there is "a chance that the stadium will be finished by next fall, but it is a rather remote chance."

Students may also notice work progressing on Newman Road preparatory to widening. This is a state project which will convert Newman Road into a four lane road east from Rangeline to Duquesne Road. Newman Road will be closed to traffic during part of the construction which will take about 14-18 months. Cost of the project, according to Donald Hertzberg, district engineer for the state highway department, will probably be close to 1.1 million dollars. Bids for reconstruction of Newman Road will be let in March.

At placement office:

Agencies to interview for jobs

Ten agencies, including businesses, public schools and government bureaus, have scheduled interviews with prospective graduating students at Missouri Southern State College, according to Ralph Winton, director of career counseling and placement.

Agencies and interview dates are: Tuesday, Feb. 4, North Kansas City Public Schools, interviewing all Education majors; Friday, Feb. 7, Kansas City, Kan., Public Schools, interviewing all Education majors; Thursday, Feb. 13, Hickman Mills Public Schools (near Kansas City), interviewing all Education majors; Tuesday, Feb. 18, Elmer Fox and Company, interviewing accounting majors; Thursday, Feb. 20, SS. Kresge-K-Mart, interviewing Business Administration and Liberal Arts Majors; Tuesday, Feb. 25, Shawnee Mission, Kan., Public Schools, interviewing all Education majors;

Tuesday, March 4, Brown Shoe Company, interviewing all majors; Friday, March 7, Social Security Service, interviewing all majors; and Monday, March 17, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, interviewing all majors.

A Civil Service Examination will be given on Saturday, March 15, in Hearnes Hall, Room 324. Anyone wishing to take the test must sign up in the Placement Office no later than Thursday, Feb. 20. Credentials are not necessary.

For all other interviews, a full set of credentials must be on file in the Placement Office. Interviews will start at 9 a.m. on the days scheduled.

Additional interviews will be added to the schedule through the spring semester.

Station under study

During the 73-74 school year the Student Senate investigated the possibility of the establishment of a radio facility on the MSSC Campus, and a proposal was submitted to Dr. Leon Billingsly, President MSSC, at that time.

When asked for a comment on the progress of the proposal, Dr. Billingsly stated he had turned the plan over to the engineering department, and that he has not been made aware of their progress.

However, Dr. Billingsly declared a new approach to the problem of the radio station may be considered. No time schedule was given.

Campus trees reveal . . .



Tri Betas constructing campus 'nature walk'

Tri Beta, the biology fraternity, is now in the process of constructing a nature trail in the vicinity of the marsh area near the archery range. The primary purpose of the nature trail is to provide a place where biology classes can take field trips and learn about the different flora and fauna situated within the confines of the MSSC campus.

Rolla cooperates

MSSC now has a cooperative pre-engineering program with the University of Missouri at Rolla Campus. A student interested in engineering may complete the first two full years of the engineering program at MSSC and then transfer to UMR for the final two years. This may be done with no loss of credit for satisfactory grades.

According to a news release in Higher Education & National Affairs dated November 8, 1974:

"The demand for scientists and engineers in the domestic production of energy in 1985 might be more than double that of 1970 if dependence on foreign sources of energy were reduced to nine percent, according to a study prepared by the National Planning Association for the National Science Foundation. The study attempts to calculate the scientific and technical manpower resources required to construct and operate the energy supply facilities for any future energy mix and to carry out related research and development work."

Principal projections were:

With accelerated domestic production, requirements for scientists and engineers could rise from about 140,000 in 1970 to nearly 310,000 in 1985.

The number of engineers could increase from about 100,000 in 1970 to 225,000 in 1985.

Scientists could increase from 40,000 to 85,000 between 1970 and 1985. The largest fields in 1985 would be chemists, followed by physicists and mathematicians."

For further information on this program call Dr. R. A. Phillips or Mr. J. Roubidoux at MSSC.

Editions scheduled

Publication dates for The Chart for the current semester will remain on a bi-weekly basis as follows:

Next edition will be February 14 (deadline for which is February 5). Other editions follow in sequence: February 28 (deadline February 19); March 14 (deadline March 5); April 11 (deadline April 2); April 25 (deadline April 16); and May 9 (deadline April 30).

Persons desiring to submit material for possible publication in The Chart are asked to note the above deadlines. Submissions may be mailed to The Chart or may be brought to The Chart office, Room 117, Hearnes Hall.

WILLIAM FERRON, assistant professor of biology, said that the nature trail could also be utilized by different area high schools or any other interested citizens of the Joplin area.

The nature trail, which is partially completed, is a walkway constructed of wooden chips. Situated about the trail will be various trees and plants with identifying tags attached to them. The nature trail will begin at a wooden bridge which crosses the pond area and will exit at a spill way near the end of the marsh area and will have another exit near the MSSC soccer field.

Mr. Ferron said that the total cost of the project, which was begun in October, was quite low since the wooden chips for the trail were donated by the Empire District Electric Company and contributions of college equipment was donated by the college administration.

MR. FERRON EMPHASIZED the contributions made by Orty Orr, professor of biology, and Dale Kirkham, assistant professor of biology. Both men were instrumental in helping get the project under way.

Anyone interested in biology and would like to help with the nature trail is encouraged to talk with Mr. Ferron in the science building.

Starting Sunday:

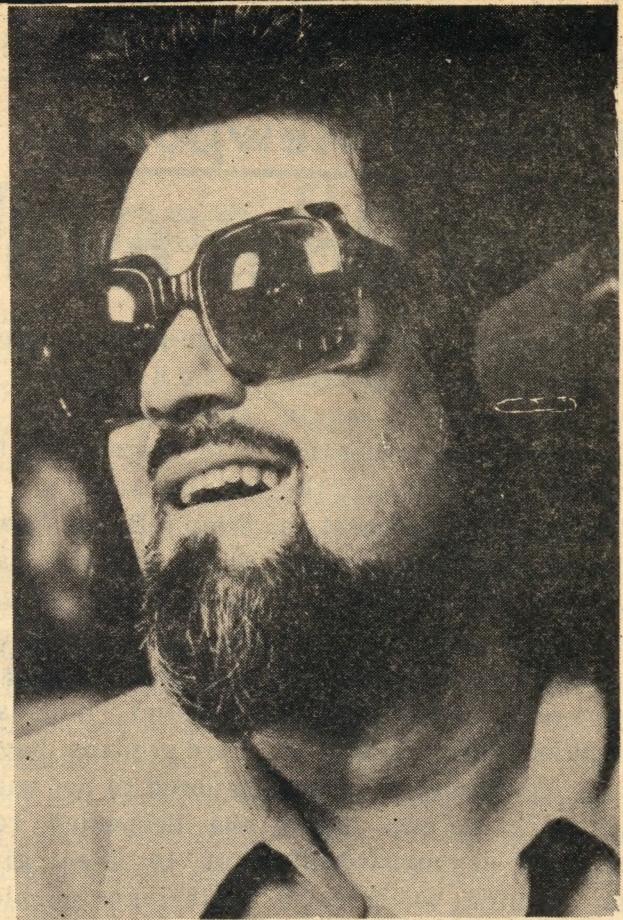
KFSB to air Wolfman Jack

The Wolfman Jack Radio Show comes to Joplin Sunday at 1 p.m. The three-hour nationally syndicated show will air on KFSB, Joplin, from 1-3 p.m. Sundays beginning this weekend.

KFSB General Manager John David said that "Wolfman" will feature current hits and older hits in the three hour broadcast. Each hour will have a special feature interview.

BORN 35 YEARS AGO in Brooklyn, New York, as Bob Smith, Wolfman Jack today is called "the total entertainer." With three record albums to his credit, he is the star of a major motion picture, "American Graffiti," and is the only regularly featured guest on NBC's weekly rock extravaganza "The Midnight Special." He's made numerous guest appearances on television shows including "The Odd Couple" and "The Sonny and Cher Hour." He howls across the country on United Airlines in-flight tapes and is syndicated to over 1,400 radio stations in this country and 420 overseas stations.

Wolfman's history in radio began at WNJR in New Jersey. He learned to admire and to emulate the great radio personalities of the 50s like Alan Freed and Daddy



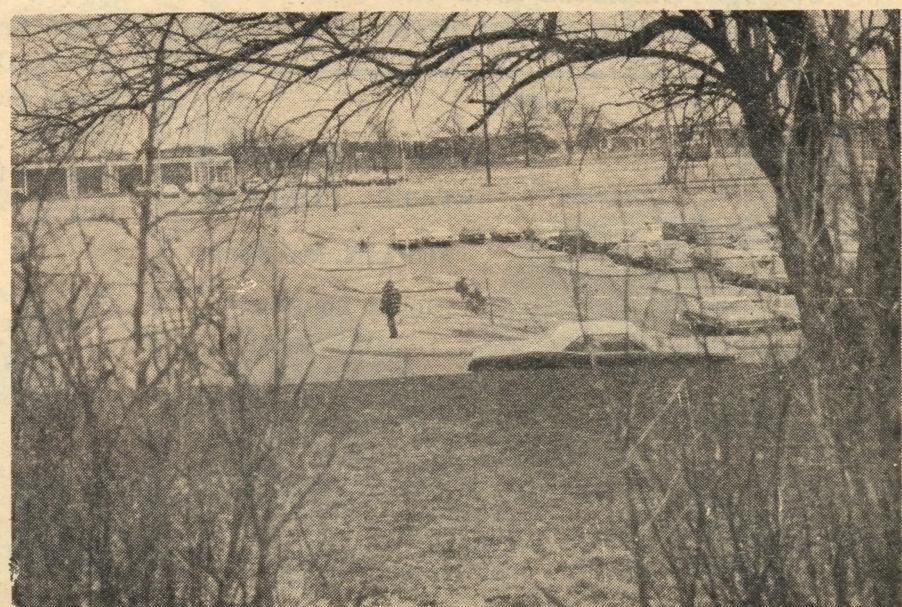
WOLFMAN JACK

Jules, and from that experience, from a fusion of the personalities that surround him, and from his own sense of humor and radio theatrics emerged the character of Wolfman Jack.

Wolfman's disembodied voice created a mystique which sparked the imagination of millions of fans on the late 50s and early 60s. Speculation on his race and the location of his broadcasting station preoccupied the minds of his listeners and motivated artists like Leon Russell and Todd Rundgren to write songs about him, magnifying his status as a rock disc jockey to that of a radio folk hero.

THAT MYSTIQUE HAS DISSOLVED gradually, although the charisma remains. A few years ago Wolfman Jack began to grant interviews and to make personal appearances. He changed his radio operation from an L.A. based Mexican soul station to Los Angeles' only (at that time) AM progressive rocker, KDAY. His weekly appearances on NBC's "Midnight Special" have given him a new visual identity. Continued television exposure along with the scope of his syndication and influence within the industry, paved his way to WNBC Radio in New York, where he began broadcasting live August 6, 1973.

. . . winter beauty



Editorial viewpoints:**Ford does turnaround on economic problems**

In continuing his never-ending campaign to bring us together again President Ford earlier this month disclosed the details of his proposal to cut Americans' income taxes and, just as everyone was making plans on how to spend the money, also casually mentioned the fact that he was proposing a three dollar tax on each barrel of crude oil imported into the country, which could raise the price of gasoline approximately fifteen to twenty cents on the gallon, according to some analysts.

By deciding to either "fish or cut bait" on this matter, President Ford has certainly taken bold and decisive action (and made a complete turnaround from his earlier plans to raise taxes). The question, however, is whether or not this boost in government spending and lessening of our dependency on foreign oil will actually succeed in whipping the economy back into shape and if not, what the ultimate outcome will be. The President's plans do appear shaky, but it seems that some type of action is better than no action at all. These new proposals, if implemented, will have even greater influence on the habits of the average American than President Nixon's

wage-price controls and mandatory fuel allocations.

In contrast to the Administration's earlier Whip Inflation Now game, which recently has been over-commercialized to the point of slapstick by grocery stores and discount houses, Mr. Ford's plans have been tailored to not only boost the deepening recession but to also give the American people very little to be upset about. One proposal seems to set

off the other and this is undoubtedly the reason we have not yet heard an outburst of opposition from any large grouping of the American people. The plan says our deflated pocketbooks will be reinflated by our tax rebate check, giving us very little to complain about. On the drawing board it seems to be an excellent plan, designed to not only console the nation's economy but also the consumer's psyche.

There is, however,

opposition from one area—the Democratic Congress, which advocates rationing rather than an import tax on gasoline and favors greater tax relief to low and middle-income taxpayers instead of an across-the-board cut such as that proposed by President Ford. The Administration's stiff policies may face some very tough revisions in the hand of Congress.

Certainly President Ford's economic plans are simple enough—it does not

take a trained analyst to recognize what they encompass and meant to do. The state of the Union "is not good" to quote Mr. Ford and it is time that some type of drastic action is taken. The economy is now the focal point of the national scene for the next two years. They may fail and they may succeed but it is almost a certainty that in these new proposals lay the seed of Gerald Ford's own political future, as well as the future of the American economy.

Senate establishes club loan fund

In the past there has been some criticism of the way in which the Student Senate responded to requests for money from various campus organizations. The basis of all this criticism seems to have been that the Student Senate had no real set of guidelines to follow in considering and answering these requests.

Letter to editor:**Attica inmate writes**

Students,

I am presently serving a term at the Attica Correctional Facility. I am seeking to get together with one who wishes to maintain a correspon-

Generally it was felt that there should be some basic guidelines set up for the Senate to follow.

On November 7, 1974, the Student Senate established a loan fund which is expressly for the purpose of funding projects which originate from campus student organizations. The intent of the program is to administer non-interest

loans of up to \$200; this program allows the student organizations on campus to gain considerable working capital for their projects.

Organizations that are interested in obtaining a loan from this program must contact the Student Senate through the organization's executive officer. He must approach the Student Senate with his organization's proposal or send an authorized representative to present the organization's proposals. The matter is then referred to the Student Affairs committee where the organization's proposal is investigated and a recommendation is made. The committee examines the proposal questioning how much the organization has done to provide funds for the proposal and what the proposal means for the entire campus. If the committee decides that the project is being supported by the organization to the fullest extent possible and that the project is beneficial to

returns to the full senate with its recommendation and its schedule. The proposal must then be accepted by a majority vote of the Student Senate. The resolution stipulates that the money must be repaid within nine months.

The resolution also makes clear that only recognized student organizations may apply for a loan from this program. Should an organization default on a loan it becomes ineligible for any subsequent loan. An organization has a loan or is applying for one there is no prohibition which would keep the organization from applying for a grant from the Student Senate.

The objective of the program is to make available funds so the student organizations may carry through projects that will benefit the students of this college. The Student Senate attempting to respond to the needs and wishes of the student body and to serve the students of the campus as best possible. It is now up to the student body to gain understanding of the Senate's work and respond to that body.

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Broyles' commentary:

United States on verge of 'bully-hood' again

By JIM BROYLES

The United States is on the verge of bully-hood once again. This is nothing really new to us—kicking other nations around, bringing them into line. We have been guilty of this before and will probably be guilty of it again. Historically, it has never looked proper or moral, but that is (after all) just history. Our latest bit of arrogance, however, is immediate and, viewed objectively, says something about our national character that, at best, should be embarrassing.

Beginning with a recent event that, on the surface seems trivial, we can inspect this bulliness. It has to do with American kids and how we are teaching them to be good adults. Officials of Little League baseball decided that American kids would no longer play kids from other countries in the Little League "World" Series. No doubt this had something to do with the fact that teams from Asian countries have defeated American teams in five of the last six such contests. Instead of teaching these kids how to accept defeat gracefully (or just accept it period), those in charge took a different approach. They said that American teams would no longer play teams from other countries. In doing this they simply restated an old saying that, in its new form, goes like this: "if we can't win, we will take our baseball and send you home."

Baseball is harmless though and not terribly important. Starvation, on the other hand, is important and Americans have taken a stand on this issue.

At the recent World Food Conference in Rome, the United States was

accused by hungry nations such as India of consuming more than its fair share of the world's food. While people in their country starved, Americans continued to grow fatter. They asked that we share the wealth. Our decision was that the food was ours, and we had the right to decide how it should be divided. If other countries wanted our grain, they would just have to come up with the money to buy it. It was our opinion that food was one of our greatest natural resources, and we should use it wisely in trading with other nations. So we said "no" to any demands that we increase our exports to other countries until they came up with our price.

At about the same time we were taking this stand, the United States was suffering from an energy shortage. Oil producing countries decided that oil was their biggest natural resource, and they stated that countries who wanted their oil could pay a fair

price for it. We asked they they share the wealth, but they said the oil was theirs and they had the right to decide how to divide it. If other countries wanted their oil, they would just have to come up with the money to buy it.

At this point some things started sounding vaguely familiar. Oil producing nations were beginning to use the same argument that we had used concerning our food. But the situation was reversed, and we Americans did not like it at all. "Who do those Arabs think they are," we screamed in outrage.

There was talk then of dropping out of the United Nations. This was not really surprising because we have threatened that for years, and always when things were not going our way. Other nations in the U.N. had grown accustomed to this threat and it had a hollow ring. We saw that more drastic measures were needed. We could not, in this case, do what we had done to the Little

Leaguers.

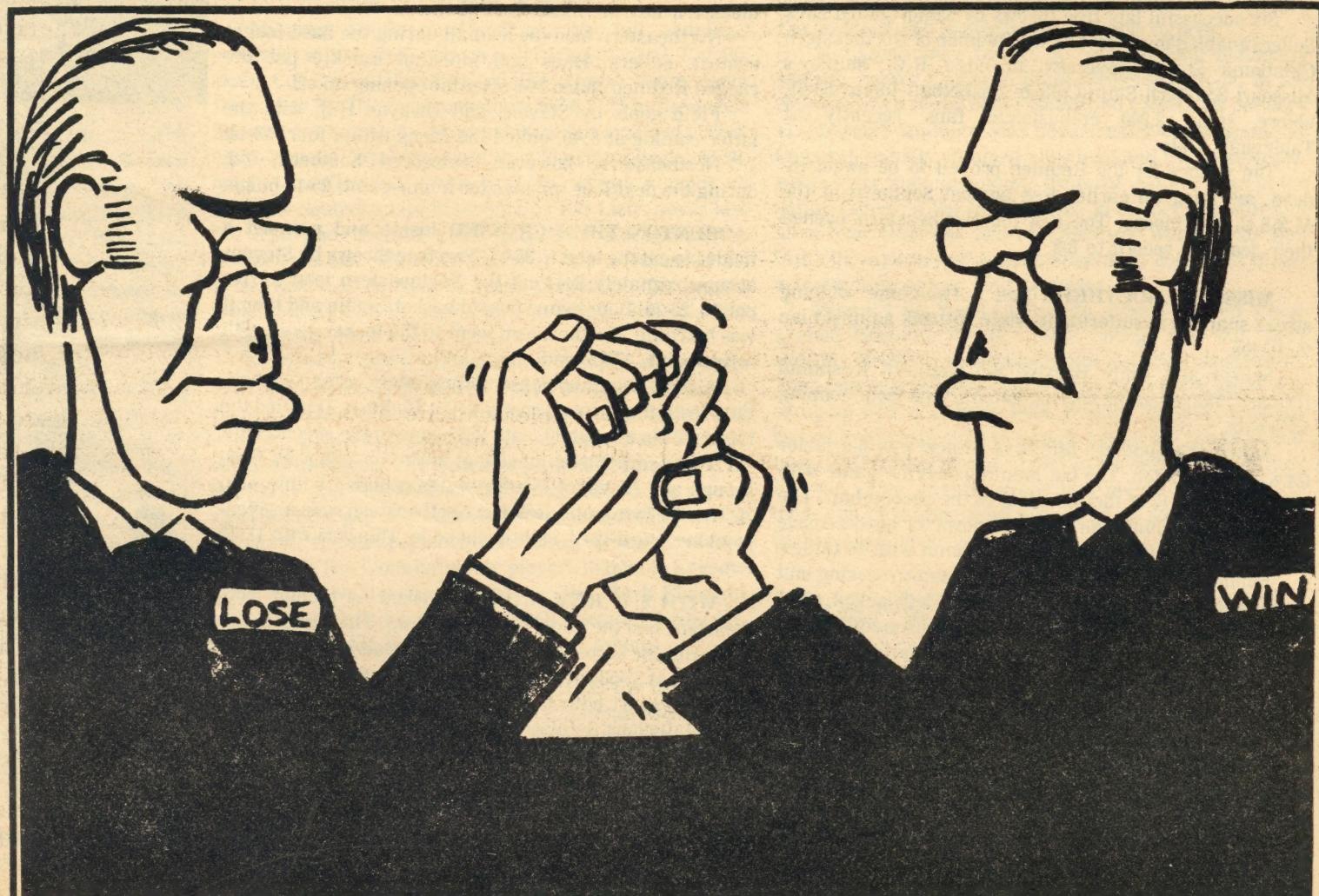
Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger put muscle in our next threat. This has not yet hap-

on us, and once again we would be outraged. "Who do they think they are?"

pened, and as of now is out the possibility of purely speculation. But it might happen if India gets Middle East as one hungry enough and the available option. Later, he United States continues to insist that it has the right to set prices on its own exports as well as those of other nations. We cannot hope to set prices on our grain because it is ours, and also set prices on someone else's oil because we need it.

It boils down to this: our country has food; other countries have oil. Let's negotiate!

However, let us enter negotiations, not as a bully bloated with arrogance threatening as a nation that is fair, paraphrase Kissinger in looking for just solutions. this way: "we do not rule out the possibility of serious problems with our military action against the muscles unflexed. We United States in securing a might begin by inviting the more equitable Little League teams from distribution of the world's Asia back to the United food supply." Again our States for the next argument would be turned "World" Series.



Lions win 8 of first 13 as winning season looms

By KEN JONES

Chart Sports Writer

By winning eight of their first 13 basketball games, the Missouri Southern Lions began moving toward their fifth winning season in their seven-year history. The Lion basketball team with R. C. Shipley in his first season as head basketball coach has taken second place in the Kiwanis Tipoff Classic at Southwestern State College and in the Roundball Classic at Cameron State University, gained consolation honors at the John Brown Tournament, split a pair of district contests, and won three of four other games.

Missouri Southern opened this season with a 55-50 loss to State College of Arkansas in the first round of the John Brown University Holiday Invitational Tournament on Thanksgiving Day in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. The Lions facing the same five starters that carried State College to the national tournament last year battled the Bears for a 28-23 half time edge. Early in the second half Missouri Southern could not control State College. The Bears outscored the Lions 20-2 during a nine minute period to grab a sizable lead. State College held on to win. State College hit 41 per cent of its shots while Southern only made 32 per cent. The Lions had a 32-38 edge on the boards. Lee Stevens with 14 points was the only Lion scorer in double figures.

IN THE SECOND ROUD of the John Brown Tournament Missouri Southern defeated Oklahoma Christian College, 78-73, through the use of a balanced offensive attack. Neither team could get much of a lead until the Lions surged ahead just before half time to have a 40-34 half time margin. The Eagles caught fire early in the

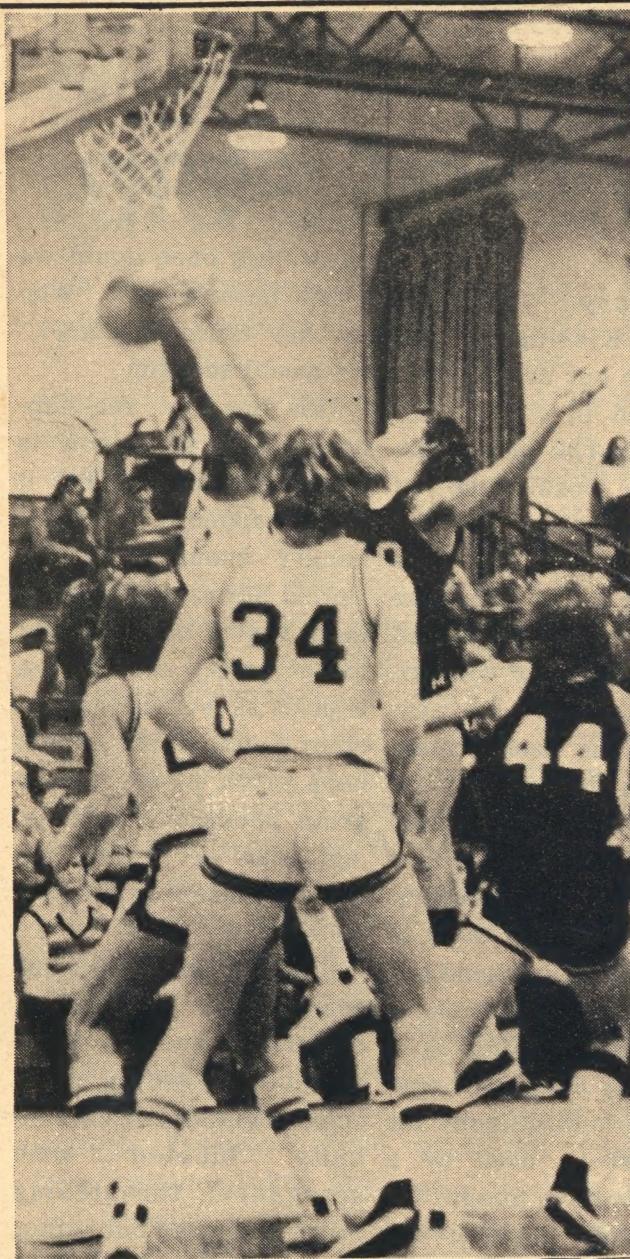
second half to close the gap. It was a close game and Missouri Southern led 74-73 with 16 seconds left in the game. Two free shots and a field goal gave the Lions the narrow victory. Missouri Southern's balanced offense had four in double figures. They were Ed Benton, Lee Stevens, Don Alston, and Mark Flanegin with 18, 15, 14, and 12 points, respectively.

Missouri Southern secured fifth place in the John Brown basketball tournament by crushing the College of the Ozarks, 77-62 in the final round of the tournament. The Lions took control early in the second half to gain a large margin as they overpowered the Mountaineers for the victory. Missouri Southern held a big edge on the boards, 49-29, and in shooting percentages, 50.7-40.0. Lion double figure scorers were Ed Benton with 21 points, Lee Stevens with 17, and Mark Flanegin with 13.

Benedictine College came out on the short end, 59-54, in the Lions' home-opener on December 2. Missouri Southern gained a four-point half time lead and used a pressuring defense to keep the Red Ravens from coming any closer than four points. The Lions only made 34 per cent of their shots but used their defense and rebound ability to Win. Bob Hall led the Lions with 14 points.

MISSOURI SOUTHERN narrowly defeated Northeastern Oklahoma State College, 66-64, before a Lion home crowd on December 7. Missouri Southern built up an early lead and kept at least a ten-point margin until midway in the second half. The Redmen took five minutes to change the score from 51-37 with them behind to 54-51 with them ahead. The Lions shocked from this 17-point spree worked hard to regain the lead and to hold that lead

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MIKE GOODPASTER (No. 34) waits his turn for a rebound during action of the Missouri Southern-Missouri Western game at Joplin.

At Tahlequah:

Redmen edge Lions, 63-61

BY KEITH R. COSTLEY

Associate Editor

Six successful late free throws by senior guard Dick Sellers enabled the opportunistic Redmen of Northeastern Oklahoma State University to edge R.C. Shipley's Missouri Southern State College basketball Lions, 63-61, before some 2,000 enthusiastic fans recently at Tahlequah, Okla.

The victory for the Redmen proved to be sweet indeed, avenging an earlier loss against Southern at the M.S.S.C. Fieldhouse. The win for Northeastern evened their seasonal record to 8-8.

MISSOURI SOUTHERN had a two-game winning streak snapped in suffering its sixth setback against nine victories.

Sellers and Rudy Harvey, 6-6 Southern freshman forward, shared game scoring honors, with both copping 18 points.

Aiding the Southern offensive attack was 6-8 junior forward Ed Benton. The big man finished the game with 15 points, with 13 of them coming in the second half. Lee Stevens, a 6-1 junior guard who is known for his defensive play, broke into the double figure column with 10 tallies.

Behind guard Sellers in the Northeastern scoring unit was Joel Haas, a huge 7-foot center. He blocked eight shots and pulled down 12 caroms to lead his mates in both game categories. He ripped the nets mostly inside for 17 points. Eric Mohaupt, a 6-3 Redmen junior guard, added 11 points.

NORTHEASTERN SHOT 47.2 per cent during the game, hitting 25 of 53 attempts. The Lions were icy cold from the field, sinking only 26 of 76 casts for 34.2 per cent.

M.S.S.C. held a slim 49-42 edge on the boards. Benton paced this category of rebounding with 12 caroms. Haas matched Benton's defensive effort with 12 grabs also and

so did Terry Yarbrough of Northeastern.

Southern lost the ball 12 times on turnovers. Northeastern lost the basketball 20 times.

Northeastern held the lead all during the hard-fought contest. Sellers, Haas and Mohaupt quickly put the rugged Redmen on top 14-6 after the opening tip-off.

Field goals by Stevens and Dwayne Hill, with the latter coming at 8:40, pulled the Lions within four, 18-14.

Northeastern, however, outscored Southern, 7-2, during the next four minutes for a nine-point, 25-16 bulge.

BENTON THEN CROSSED inside and pumped a fielder to cut the lead to 25-18. Two free throws by Stevens at approximately 2:44 cut the Northeastern lead to five points, 25-20. Both teams traded baskets again and then it was halftime. Northeastern went to the locker room with a five-point, 27-22 lead.

A man-to-man defense immediately after the half-time festivities proved costly to the Redmen. It pulled the Lions within one, 31-30, with 2:37 gone in the second half.

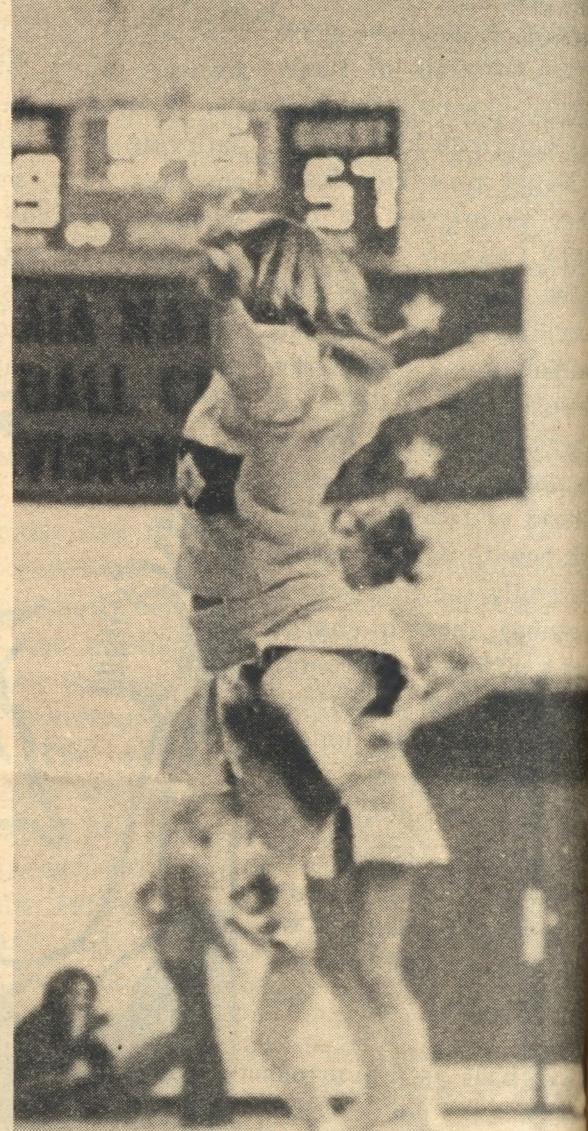
The Redmen stemmed that surge on goals by Yarbrough and Mohaupt. Southern again pulled within one, 35-34, with 15 minutes left, but Northeastern rode a seven-point burst to a 42-34, eight-point edge. This was with 11:15 left.

WITH 5:46 REMAINING it looked as though Northeastern had the game all wrapped up. The Redmen led 53-44. But the Lions then scored nine straight points to tie the score at 53-53 with 2:45 left. Harvey and Benton led the offensive spurt with four and five points respectively.

The full-court defense pressured two straight Redmen turnovers, with Harvey's bucket at 2:45 tying the score.

Four straight killing charity shots by Sellers gave Northeastern command of the game again and Yarbrough banked home a layup at 1:55 for a 59-53 bulge.

Southern kept coming back, with the final deficit being two points, and the game's final score, 63-61.



SOUTHERN HAS THE LEAD, and it's something to cheer about as one cheerleader goes up in the air.

Lions devour Cameron U. in home game

By KEN JONES
Chart Sports Writer

Upset-minded Lions devoured the Aggies of Cameron State University, 81-64, in a home basketball game January 18. Missouri Southern, through a team effort of a balanced offense and a strong defense, avenged two earlier losses from the Aggies which came in the championship games of the Kiwanis Tipoff Classic and the Roundball Classic. The Lions increased their record to 9-5 while Cameron dropped to 14-3.

Missouri Southern's team effort showed as five players scored in double figures. They were led by Ed Benton with 18 points. Rudolph Harvey, Dennis Sims, Mark Flanegin and Lee Stevens scored 13, 12, 11, and 11 points, respectively.

The Lions held a slight advantage in both shooting percentages, 39-38, and rebounds, 40-39. Sims led Missouri Southern on the boards with 9 rebounds. The other Lion rebound leaders were Benton with eight and Mike Goodpaster and Stevens both having seven.

Much to the pleasure of the home crowd, the determined Lions wasted no time in getting a big lead. Before eight minutes elapsed Missouri Southern held a 10-point lead, 18-8. The Lions did not slow down but increased their lead to 17 points, 37-20, with 3:24 remaining in the first half. Cameron rallied to pull within 12 points, 41-29, by half time.

The Aggies kept their momentum going in the second half to close the gap to six points, 43-37. Sims and Flanegin each scored a goal to put some life back into the Lions' play at this crucial point of the game. Missouri Southern remained on track to develop a 19-point margin three different times near midperiod. The Lions sat on their comfortable margin to defeat the Aggies 81-64.



ED BENTON watches his man as the Lions of Missouri Southern face the Griffons of Missouri Western on Southern's home court in recent action.

Lions begin long march to fifth winning season

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for the rest of the game for the victory. To continue their tradition, the Lions held the advantage on the boards but had a lower field goal percentage. Lee Stevens and Ed Benton led Missouri Southern's scoring with 17 and 16 points, respectively.

Murray State University, a major university who won its first eight game, added Missouri Southern to its list of victims December 9 on the Racer's home court. Murray State won 80-75 but the Lions fought all the way. The teams battled to a 39-39 half time score and continued the battle for the first 12 minutes in the second half. Lion mistakes let the Racers get an edge and that was all Murray State needed to win. For the first time this season the Lions did not finish with the rebound edge coming up with 41 to the Racers' 43 rebounds. Mark Flanegin scored 26 points to lead the scorers in the game.

A pressuring Lion defense gave Missouri Southern a 76-69 victory over Southwestern State College in the opening round of the Kiwanis Tipoff tournament in Weatherford, Oklahoma on December 13. The Lion defense forced 30 Bulldog turnovers. This allowed Missouri Southern to build up to a 13-point lead midway in the second half. Southwestern came to life and grabbed the lead. The Lions fought back to regain the lead and then held on to win the game. Missouri Southern did not control the boards but the Lions had a strong balanced offensive attack. The Lion double figure scorers were Lee Stevens, Dennis Sims, Mike Goodpaster, Ed Benton, and Mark Flanegin with 18, 14, 13, 13, and 10 points, respectively.

CAMERON STATE UNIVERSITY came from behind in the second half to defeat Missouri Southern 54-49 in the championship game of the Kiwanis Tipoff Classic. The Lions gained a 30-23 half time lead after an early see-saw battle. Missouri Southern changed offenses and then saw Cameron jump to a 35-32 lead. The score remained close until the Lions had another cold spell to fall too far behind.

Cameron had a slight edge on the boards but Missouri Southern had a better shooting average. Lee Stevens led the Lion offensive attack with 14 points.

Missouri Southern closed out its fall semester schedule with a 59-57 win over interstate rival Kansas State College of Pittsburg on the Lions' home court December 21. The Lions now have a 7-6 lead in the series between these schools. Missouri Southern grabbed a 37-30 half time lead. The Lions built up a 13-point margin, 43-30, before the Gorillas came back to within a point of Missouri Southern late in the game. The Lions never lost the lead and boosted their Record to 6-3 before the semester break. Missouri Southern had a balanced offense with Lee Stevens scoring 14 points, Ed Benton making 13, BOB Hall getting 12, and Dennis Sims drilling in 10 points.

Southwest Baptist College came to Joplin on January 8 to open Missouri Southern's district play. Southwest Baptist, picked to win the district, defeated the Lions 76-74 in a very physical basketball game. There were 52 fouls called in the game. The Bearcats jumped in front early in the game and led 43-31 at half time. The Lions slowly shortened the gap and were only two points behind late in the game. The stubborn Bearcats however would not give up the lead. The Lions had three players in double figures. They were Lee Stevens, Ed Benton, and Mark Flanegin with 24, 15 and 12 points, respectively. Besides losing the game, guard Bob Hall obtained a knee injury.

MISSOURI SOUTHERN DEFEATED the University of Sciences and Arts of Chickasha, Oklahoma, 62-58, in the first round of the Roundball Classic in Cameron, Oklahoma on January 10. The first half developed into a see-saw battle with the Drovers having a 33-32 half time advantage. They lost the lead in 15 seconds of second half play and never regained the lead. However, the Lions could not shake loose from the Drovers as the Drovers tied the game five times and were within one point several

times. Missouri Southern held the advantage on both shooting percentages and on the boards. Mike Goodpaster led the Lions with 16 points with Lee Stevens with 14 and Dennis Sims with 10 points also in double figures.

The Lions were tamed by powerful and nationally seventh ranked Cameron State University, 94-72, in the championship round of the Roundball Classic on January 11. Missouri Southern was never really in the game as Cameron quickly obtained a 9-0 lead and the Lions never were closer than nine points from the Aggies. Late in the game, Cameron led by 36 points, 91-55, before putting in all of their reserves. Missouri Southern was hurt by Bob Hall still injured and Dennis Sims sick. Jack Sportsman was the high scorer with 18 points.

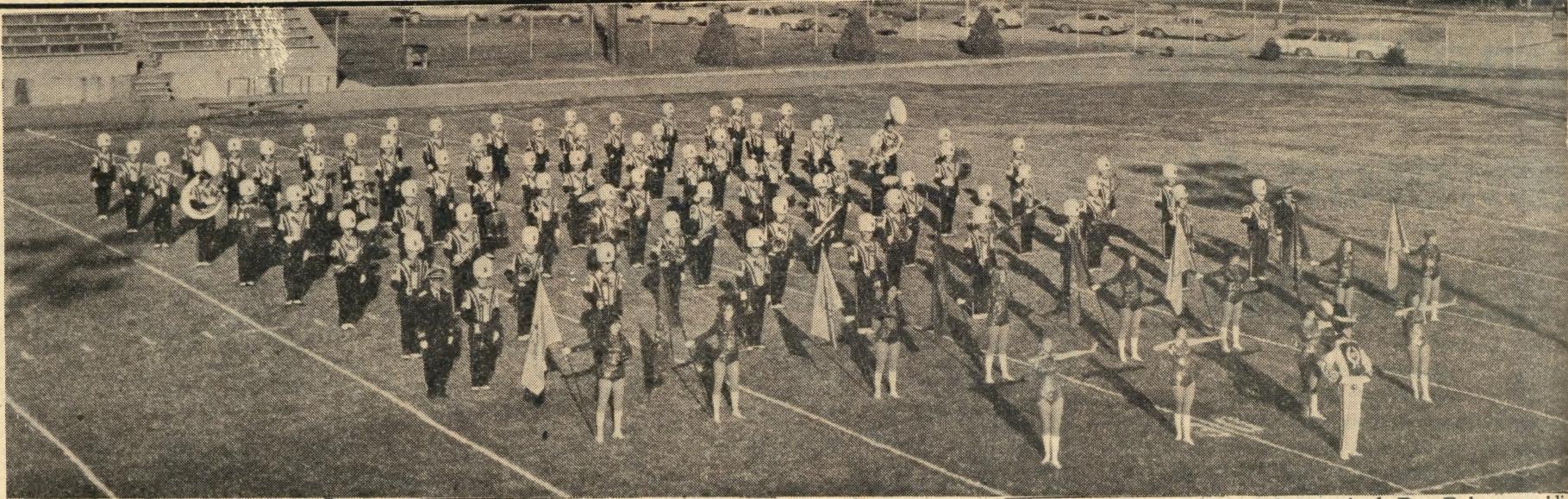
Missouri Southern played its second district game against Missouri Western State College and won 79-72 over the Griffons on the Lion home court on January 13. The Lions overpowered the Griffons early in the game and came up with a 17-point lead. Finally Missouri Western began producing points to close to within ten points at half time. The Griffons wanted to play in the second half so they tied the game midway in the half before taking a 65-59 lead. The Lion offense became fired up so they regained the lead and never gave it up.

Tracksters sought

Those athletes desiring to participate in the Missouri Southern State College varsity track program this spring should announce their intentions by signing their name on the bulletin board list in the Physical Education building.

Thus far many individuals have signed up and with a little more help Southern should have a very fine program this spring.

Ron Ellis, the Lions assistant basketball coach, will be the new head mentor this year.



A WINTER CARNIVAL APPEARANCE, at St. Paul, Minn., was the highlight of this semester for the Lion Pride Marching Band, after much preparation for the 600-mile trip. The MSSC musicians, directed by Delbert Johnson and William Elliott, made

two televised appearances on the opening day of the carnival. Ron Robson, public information director, and Dr. Wayne Harrell, head of the music department, accompanied the band to Minnesota.

Wuch eager, optimistic about coming season

BY KEITH R. COSTLEY
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Missouri Southern State College head baseball coach Ed Wuch is looking forward to another ball season with eagerness and optimism. And with five seniors returning to form this year's nucleus, while not forgetting the other players on the squad, Wuch feels that his chances of winning are pretty good.

Coach Wuch definitely feels that the five seniors — Joe Eberhard, Mike Hagedorn, Doug Page, Tim Allan, and Tom Hilton — will play an instrumental role in helping the rough-and-tough Lions produce their second straight winning season.

Wuch has a little bit to say about his five returning seniors. Here goes:

JOE EBERHARD — "Joe's our third baseman. He was our first all-district player. If Joe has a year that he's capable of having, he's a possible all-American candidate."

WUCH CONTINUES, "Offensively, Joe's a good hitter, he has good power. He would definitely be considered a homerun threat. Defensively, Joe's one of the best third basemen I've ever seen on the college level. He has a strong arm. He has great leadership capabilities."

Eberhard stands at 5-10 and tips the scales at 180 lbs.

MIKE HAGEDORN — "Mike's our first baseman. Mike is a good heads-up baseball player. He knows what's happening all of the time. He's very alert. Mike's a good hitter and is also considered a homerun threat like Joe. We hope he has as good a year as he had last year."

Hagedorn is 5-10 and weighs 175 lbs. He throws and hits right.

DOUG PAGE — "Doug would be what you would call a complete ballplayer. He can do it all. He's a good hitter and fields well too. He's a hard worker at everything he does."

Page stands at 5-11 and weighs 170 lbs. He bats and throws right.

TIM ALLAN — "He's going to be our 'stopper' this

year," says Wuch of Carthage's Allan. "He's been a tough left-handed pitcher for us the last three years. He's been plagued by a lot of bad luck though. Tim's a much better pitcher than his record indicates. He pitched a no-hitter or a one-hitter last year against Central Methodist, I'm not sure which, and lost 1-0. The game was called because of snow."

TOM HILTON — "Tommy has been our most consistent pitcher as far as control is concerned. He's a hardworker on and off the field. He has a lot of pride and is always wanting to better himself. I could say the same about the rest of the seniors. They're always striving for improvement.....and this is good."

"Last year," said Coach Wuch, "our team goal was to win 30 ballgames and we won 33. This year we hope to improve on that record. We hope to win more than 33 games this year. We also want a spot in the District 16 playoffs. We want to go a long ways," said the confident Wuch.

Wuch said that the District this year was the most balanced that he has ever seen. He also mentioned that Missouri Western of St. Joseph, Mo., and Harris Teachers College would be the top two teams to beat in the District if the Lions were to cop the top spot.

"We have the potential. All we have to do now is transfer the potential into results," concluded Wuch.

Ullo favors no spring soccer

BY KEITH R. COSTLEY
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Missouri Southern State College's Greg Ullo, who contributed much to the success of the soccer crew this past fall, is in favor of not having soccer practices for the Lions this spring.

The soccer Lions of head taskmaster Harold Bodon, who directed Southern's winning unit to their best season here in three years, are not participating in spring workouts this semester and Ullo openly admits that he thinks this is good.

"So, what's the use of having spring ball anyway?"

This writer recently asked both Ullo and Coach Bodon if an athlete tends to get into a condition called "staleness" if they participate in one sport too often. Both Ullo and the experienced coach nodded their heads in a "yes" manner.

"WHAT WE ALL NEED here at Missouri Southern is summer ball, not a spring ball program. The kids then would be in great shape by the time our first game gets here," said the left halfback.

Ullo said during the quick but recent 15-minute in-

terview that he would like to see soccer as part of every high school and college athletic program. "Soccer is a great game and I would like to see every person get a chance to play in this sport," says Ullo.

ULLO PRAISED COACH BODON for his tremendous leadership. "Mr. Bodon.....well....we all respect him and his abilities to coach very, very much. He's built this soccer program from absolutely nothing to something and I personally would like to thank him for that," said Ullo in deep appreciation.

"Next year our main goal as a team that is, is to get into the District 16 playoffs. After we get there we want to win it of course. If not win, we certainly want to be in the top three teams," said Ullo.

"Another goal of the team is to win our own soccer tournament again. We want to win our own tourney very much and we're sure we can do it again if we get it all together. That's the key.....getting it all together."

"As a matter of fact," concluded Ullo, "that's exactly what we all want to do next year, get it all together. We will, too, if everybody works hard and does everything that they are capable of doing."

Tony Feather finally gets own newspaper

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and trainer for the football team up to that day. Sarcoxie can be an exciting town at times.

Fortunately that incident didn't dull Tony's ambitions, as cooler heads prevailed. So Feather took on journalism as an interest upon entering MSSC and distinguished himself by receiving the Missouri College Newspaper Association award for top sports story for a Class B College and also earned commendations from the Associated Collegiate Press for outstanding sports reporting.

SO FAR IT IS PROVING to be somewhat tiring for those connected with the Record. With Wednesday being the day the paper goes to the presses in Neosho and news still coming in as late as Tuesday afternoon it has required those who "build" the pages to stay rather late

on Tuesday night or Wednesday morning as the case has been for the initial two issues, 5 a.m. the first week and 4 a.m. the second. In talking with Tony he assures others that as they become acclimated to this process the time will be shortened.

Feather is again enrolled at MSSC this semester attending classes, carrying a 12 hour load, during the day, as a sophomore. What with going to classes and participating in community activities such as the Sarcoxie Jaycees, it seems it would be difficult to try to improve or correct those areas that had fallen slack in the Record through the past few years, and possibly give the reader something each week that maybe he wouldn't have expected the Record to provide before.

At any rate, the main thing that the Sarcoxie Record seemed to be deficient in was local news...consequently the aim of the purchase was to bring back the local flavor which had gotten lost in a mass of filler articles - some not

relevant to a small rural community, and in a confusing blend of back page news on front page and vice-versa.

In Feather's words, "A hometown newspaper should render a service to the community." Some of the way Feather and his associates plan to accomplish this is to give more coverage to Sarcoxie news, expand the sports page, and to include some local-color features. "We have in Sarcoxie some people who are nationally known," stated Feather.

Of course, there is a financial aspect to the newspaper business. The circulation of the Sarcoxie Record has been a steady decline in volume during the last few years, over a 30 per cent drop, and the new owners hope to reverse that trend with a somewhat different approach.

Yet, maybe there is something to be said about the dreams of two 11-year-old Horace Greeleys who didn't quite make it to the top back then. But perhaps they did succeed, after all, maybe in a much more lasting manner.